(c) whether the export targets by 2000AD have been fixed;

(d) whether the same would be achieved by adopting such a strategy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Performance of exports is closely monitored every month based on the DGCI&S data on exports and imports as brought out in their monthly publication "Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Principal Commodities and Countries)" which presents data on pattern and direction of exports and source of imports covering major countries and commodities, Review of export performance in terms of country-commodity matrix is a part of this exercise. It is observed that top 30 countries account for nearly 87.4% of our exports. While focus is to intensify export activities in these countries, it is also intended to diversify exports to newly emerging markets/countries.

(c) Export target is fixed on an yearly basis. The indicative export target for the current year envisages around 18% to 20% growth in dollar terms over the export valued at US$ 26223 million during 1994-95. The 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97) envisages export growth of 13.6% per annum in volume terms i.e. at 1991-92 prices and exchange rates. No formal export target for the year 2000 A.D. has been fixed. It would be our constant effort to increase India's share in world trade.

(d) and (e) Export promotion is a countinuous process. Steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interest. The Government is striving to make the environment of policy and procedures more export friendly. Among the measures taken for export promotion, mention may be made about simplification of Export Import Policy and Procedure, increasing export production, improving efficiency and competitiveness, forcussing on quality improvement and technological upgradation, improvement in infrastructure and actively involving State Government in export promotion. In the current year an Annual Action Plan has been formulated which, *inter* alia, covers commodity specific measures for export promotion.

Enquiry by the Director General of Labour Welfare

1510. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director-General of Labour Welfare conducted any enquiry into the structural adjustments to be made by labour in tobacco and beedi sector over the next 10 years;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether data have been collected from various States on this subject of unemployment; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Does not arise.

Major Changes in the existing Plan Model

1511. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission proposes to make some major changes in the existing Plan Model;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether such changes are likely to take place from the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION